Irrigation projects in Karnataka

2047. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sought a loan of more than Rs. 540.00 crores from the centre due to paucity of funds, to complete several irrigation projects pending completion for long;

(b) whether the work on 40 major irrigation projects has been held up in Karnataka for want of funds;

(c) whether the proposal from the State Government of Karnataka under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme has been vetted by the Central Water Commission; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Government of Karnataka has sought Central Loan Assistance (CLA) of Rs. 458.42 crore under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for the year 2004-05, for execution of 5 ongoing major and medium irrigation projects.

(b) In the State of Karnataka 42 ongoing major and medium irrigation projects are at various stages of execution, out of which 5 major and 3 medium projects have been receiving CLA under AIBP from 1996-97. The remaining ongoing irrigation projects are being implemented within the resources of the States.

(c) and (d) The Central Water Commission has recommended CLA of Rs. 450.213 crore under AIBP for 5 ongoing irrigation projects of Karnataka.

Golden Sea Chain

2048. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have any plan to develop a